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The amendment filed 10/21/02 proposes amendments to claims 9-20 that do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b), which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. The amendment attempts to reinstate original patent claims 9-20 in an amended form. The amendment fails to present the claims with all changes made vis-à-vis the patent to be reissued. See MPEP 1453 for the manner in making amendments in reissue applications. Also note that in reissue practice only a copy of the claims with any changes made vis-à-vis the patent to be reissued is required. A clean copy of the amendment is not required. A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this letter is set to expire ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert J Canfield whose telephone number is 703-308-2482. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Friedman can be reached on 703-308-0839. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9326 for regular communications and 703-872-9327 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-2168.

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